

RESPONSE

Serial No. 10/764,163

Docket No. 2003-0667.02

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-33 were rejected in the Office action mailed August 24, 2007, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,019,860 to Matsushima ("Matsushima").

Telephone Interview

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Cheema and Supervisory Examiner Kang for the telephone interview conducted with the undersigned on November 9, 2007. During the interview, Examiner Cheema indicated his agreement that Matsushima does not disclose the step of "generating an email confirmation" as recited in independent claims 1, 16, and 24. Supervisory Examiner Kang indicated that whether Matsushima discloses "generating a confirmation report" as recited in independent claim 32 will be reconsidered. As requested, arguments addressing the rejection of claims 1-33 follow.

Argument**Claims 1-31**

The rejection of claims 1-31 is respectfully traversed as Matsushima does not disclose each and every element of any of the claims. Each of independent claims 1 and 16 requires the step of "generating an email confirmation including an indication of success or failure of said carried out task at said print device" (emphasis added). Similarly, independent claim 24 requires the step of "generating an email confirmation at said print device, said email confirmation including information pertaining to said specified task" (emphasis added).

The Office action asserts that "Matsushima discloses . . . generating an email confirmation including an indication of success or failure of said carried out task at said print device (see col. 7, lines 26-34, col. 8, lines 46-54, Fig 11 to Fig 13)." In contrast,

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Matsushima discloses printing the content of incoming emails after "the network printer 1 receives an E-mail from an optional sender via the network interface" (emphasis added) (Col. 7, lines 30-31). Matsushima does not disclose generating an email confirmation pertaining to a task.

Accordingly, Matsushima does not disclose each and every element of independent claims 1, 16, and 24. As claims 2-15, 17-23, and 25-31 depend from claims 1, 16, and 24, respectively, Matsushima also fails to disclose each and every element of claims 1-15, 17-23, and 25-31. As Matsushima does not disclose each and every element of any of claims 1-31, Matsushima cannot anticipate claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-31 is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-33

The rejection of claims 32-33 is respectfully traversed as Matsushima fails to disclose each and every element of any of the claims. Claim 32 requires the step of "generating a confirmation report indicating success or failure of said specified task" (emphasis added). Matsushima does not disclose generating a confirmation report indicating the success or failure of a specified task. Accordingly, Matsushima does not disclose each and every element of independent claim 32 or claim 33, which depends therefrom, and, thus, Matsushima cannot anticipate claims 32-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 32-33 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-33, now pending, are patentably distinct from the reference cited and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3072.

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In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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